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SUBJECT: MORNING TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 10

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WIRE SERVICES

AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM JERUSALEM

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE WILL HOLD NEW ROUND OF MEETINGS
WITH ARAB AND ISRAELI FONMINS NEXT MONTH TO CONTINUE THE
SEARCH FOR MIDEAST PEACE, HIS ISRAELI HOST REPORTED
TODAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- BEGIN ALSO SAID VANCE HAD WON A "GREAT ACHIEVEMENT
DURING TRIP," BUT SAID THEY HAD AGREED TO KEEP IT SECRET
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FOR NOW.

-- HE EXUDED AIR OF CONFIDENCE, SAYING "MOMENTUM IS GOING
ON." SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO CONFRONTATION WITH VANCE AND
THAT HE HAD NOT FELT ANY PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.

-- ADMITTED IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHEN GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD
BE RESUMED.

-- REITERATED THAT "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES" WOULD ISRAEL

DEAL WITH PLO.

-- SAID VANCE WOULD NOT CARRY NEW ISRAELI PROPOSALS WHEN HE RETURNS TO ARAB STATES TOMORROW.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM JERUSALEM

LEAD: "PM BEGIN SAID THAT IN 5 HOURS OF TALKS SECSTATE VANCE APPLIED 'NOT ONE WORD' OF PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO ACCEPT PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO IN MIDEAST EFFORTS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- SAID VARIOUS PROBLEMS WERE RAISED, BUT THERE WAS NO CONFRONTATION.

-- SAID IT WAS CLEAR US HAD NO INTENTION OF WORKING FOR CHANGE IN RES 242.

-- SAID NEXT STEP IN PROCESS WOULD BE MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

-- REPEATED DENUNCIATION OF PLO AS GROUP SIMILAR TO UNCLASSIFIED

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NAZIS, SAID ISRAEL WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT DESPITE REPORTS IT WAS THINKING OF ADOPTING MORE MODERATE POSITION.

-- SAID VANCE BROUGHT BOTH US AND ISRAELI IDEAS TO ARABS, AND HE NOW HAD THEIR REPLIES.

-- REPEATED THAT VANCE HAD ACCOMPLISHED "GREAT ACHIEVEMENT," BUT SAID THEY HAD DECIDED TO KEEP IT SECRET FOR NOW.

-- ISRAELI PAPERS REPORTED VANCE HAD TOLD BEGIN THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CHANCE OF A PEACE CONFERENCE WITHOUT PLO, BUT BEGIN SAID "THERE'S A TERRIFIC ABYSS BETWEEN NEWS-PAPER STORIES AND REALITY." MA'ARIV REPORTED ISRAEL TURNED DOWN US PACKAGE DEAL WHICH CALLED FOR PLO ACCEPTANCE OF 242 AND DECLARATION BY US THAT RESOLUTION SUPPORTS THEIR DESIRE FOR HOMELAND.

-- ISRAELI MILITARY LEADERS PRESENT THIS MORNING; MAPS OF LEBANON HUNG ON WALL. REPORTS FROM BEIRUT SAID NEW FIGHTING FLARED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON OVERNIGHT.

-- YADIN SPENT 45 MINUTES WITH VANCE; SOURCE REPORTED HE CAME AWAY WITH IMPRESSION OF FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN US POLICY ON MIDEAST. NEW POLICY IS AIMED AT BRINGING PLO INTO TALKS, SOURCE SAID.

REUTERS -- ROY GUTMAN FROM JERUSALEM (OVERNIGHT LEAD; BY NOON, NO UPDATED STORY HAD RUN)

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE TODAY PREPARED FOR MORE TALKS WITH ISRAELI LEADERS WHO HAVE COUPLED PRAISE FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS IN ARAB CAPITALS WITH FRESH REPUDIATION OF THE PLO."

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OTHER POINTS:

-- BEGIN SAID VANCE HAD BROUGHT "GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN CAUSE OF PEACE," BUT SAID VANCE HAD ASKED HIM NOT TO DISCLOSE DETAILS. HE RULED OUT ANY PEACE TALKS WITH PLO, WHOSE PHILOSOPHY IS BASED ON ARABIC "MEIN KAMPF."

-- VANCE YESTERDAY STRESSED PEACEMAKING PROCESS WOULD NOT BE EASY OR BRIEF, BUT WITH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

-- VANCE SAID IF US SEEMED TO BE FOLLOWING MORE ACTIVE COURSE THAN ISRAEL PREFERRED IT WAS OUT OF DEEP CONVICTION THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY TO ACHIEVE PEACE.

-- SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID VANCE HAD NOT BROUGHT ANY GREAT SURPRISES.

-- IN BEIRUT, PLO SET CONDITIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT GENEVA SO TOUGH THAT ISRAELI AND US REJECTION SEEMED FOREGONE CONCLUSION. CALLED FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF RETURN AND RIGHT TO NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

NEWSPAPERS

NY TIMES -- BERNARD GWERTZMAN FROM JERUSALEM (P-1 LEAD STORY)

LEAD: "ISRAELI LEADERS TOLD SECSTATE VANCE TODAY THEY REMAINED STRONGLY OPPOSED TO GIVING UP ANY TERRITORY ON THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN AND IN THE GAZA STRIP, TO THE CREATION OF ANY PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ON ISRAEL'S BORDERS AND TO ANY PART FOR THE PLO IN AN EVEN-UNCLASSIFIED

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TUAL NEGOTIATION AT GENEVA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- HARD-LINE POSITION CAME AS NO SURPRISE, GIVEN IN PRIVATE AND REPEATED IN PUBLIC AT DAYAN PRESS CONFERENCE.

-- SPECULATION OVER US DIALOGUE WITH PLO WAS ONE REASON FOR ISRAELI DETERMINATION TO APPEAR UNRELENTING.

-- BEGIN AND DAYAN RULED OUT ANY TALKS WITH PLO EVEN IF IT ACCEPTED 242; BEGIN COMPARED IT TO NAZI GERMANY. ALLUDING TO US, HE SAID THOSE WHO WOULD IGNORE PLO COVENANT ARE LIKE THOSE WHO IGNORED "MEIN KAMPF" IN 1930'S.

-- VANCE ASKED FOR COOPERATION, PLEDGED US WOULD NEVER PROPOSE ANYTHING THAT WOULD UNDERMINE ISRAELI SECURITY.

-- HE APPARENTLY DID NOT FIND FLEXIBILITY HE WAS LOOKING FOR ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE, BUT BOTH SIDES WERE REPORTED TO AGREE TO CONTINUE TALKS IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH.

-- VANCE TOLD BEGIN US HAD NO INTENTION OF AGREEING TO CHANGE IN RES 242. ISRAELI SOURCES REPORTED VANCE ALSO SAID US WOULD KEEP ITS COMMITMENT TO ISRAELI VETO OVER PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA.

-- DAYAN MADE NO EFFORT TO HIDE DISAGREEMENTS, WHILE BEGIN SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT FIRST SESSION HAD NOT PRODUCED AS MUCH OF A CONFRONTATION AS PRESS HAD PREDICTED.

-- ANY CONFRONTATION LIKELY TO COME THIS FALL, AND PROBABLY ONLY IF ARABS ARE MORE FORTHCOMING THAN THEY HAVE BEEN.

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WASH POST -- DON OBERDORFER FROM JERUSALEM (P-1 LEAD STORY)

LEAD: "PM BEGIN TONIGHT DELIVERED A LENGTHY AND EMOTIONAL PUBLIC LECTURE TO SECSTATE VANCE ON DEALING WITH THE PLO AND DECLARED THAT ISRAEL WILL NEVER ACCEPT THE PLO AS A PARTNER IN PEACE TALKS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- BEGIN COMPARED PLO COVENANT AND "MEIN KAMPF", OBLIQUELY COMPARED US TO THOSE WHO TOLD JEWS IN GERMANY NOT TO PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO HITLER STATEMENTS.

-- ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON WOULD NOT COMMENT ON BEGIN REMARKS.

-- REMARKS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THEY COME AMID REPORTS PLO

IS SOFTENING ITS STAND ON ISRAEL.

-- EARLIER IN DAY, DAYAN HAD SAID US AND ISRAEL DO NOT SEE EYE TO EYE, AND ADDED ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF.

-- BEGIN CHOSE FORMAL DINNER WITH VANCE AT HIS SIDE TO MAKE STATEMENT; VANCE SAT EXPRESSIONLESS. WHEN HE GAVE HIS TOAST, SEC READ PREPARED REMARKS MAKING NO REFERENCE TO PLO ISSUE.

-- DAYAN EARLIER IN DAY SAID ISRAEL WOULD NOT ACCEPT PLO AS NEGOTIATING PARTNER. EARLIER, HALF IN JEST, HE TOLD VANCE "WHENEVER YOU ACCEPT OUR VIEWS, WE WILL BE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH YOU."

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-- US OFFICIALS SAID VANCE DID MOST OF TALKING IN PRIVATE MEETING TODAY, EXPLAINING US IDEAS AND ARAB REACTIONS. THEY SAID BEGIN RESPONDED BRIEFLY AND MOSTLY ABOUT ISSUES THAT HAD ARISEN -- AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO PLO ISSUE.

-- ISRAELI OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, SAID MOST OF TODAY'S TALKS REVOLVED AROUND PLO.

-- DAYAN SAID HE HAD NO INDICATIONS US WOULD URGE PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA, SAID ISRAEL WOULD OPPOSE ANY SUCH MOVE.

-- BEFORE LEAVING TAIF, VANCE SAID REPORTS OF CHANGE IN PLO POSITION WERE "RUMORS" AND HE HAD SEEN NO CONCRETE SUBSTANTIATION OF THEM.

-- US OFFICIALS WITH VANCE TREATED PLO CONTROVERSY AS LESS IMPORTANT THAN QUESTIONS OF RETURN OF CAPTURED TERRITORY, OVERALL PALESTINIAN QUESTION AND NATURE OF PEACE.

-- IN HIS REMARKS BEGIN SAID VANCE HAD TOLD HIM OF A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT IN SEARCH FOR PEACE, DID NOT ELABORATE. ISRAELI SOURCE SUGGESTED HE WAS REFERRING TO ARAB WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS ON FUTURE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

LA TIMES -- OZZIE JOHNSTON FROM JERUSALEM (P-1 LEAD STORY)

LEAD: "IN AN EMOTIONAL APPEAL, PM BEGIN TUESDAY ASKED THE US FOR SUPPORT IN ISRAEL'S TOTAL REJECTION OF PALESTINIANS AS A PARTNER TO MIDEAST PEACE."

OTHER POINTS:

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-- HE DENOUNCED PLO AS "HUNS" AND ITS POLICY AS ARAB
"MEIN KAMPF."

-- US AND ISRAEL ARE ON COLLISION COURSE ON MONUMENTAL
QUESTION. CARTER ADMINISTRATION NOW ACCEPTS PALESTINIANS
AS A PEOPLE WITH NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS WHICH MUST BE MET
IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE IN REGION; ISRAELIS WILL ACCEPT
PALESTINIANS ONLY IF THEY RENOUNCE STATEHOOD.

-- ISRAEL REACTED TO CARTER STATEMENT THAT US WOULD
CONSIDER DIALOGUE WITH PLO IF IT ACCEPTED 242 WITH "NEAR
HYSTERIA."

-- DAYAN HAD SAID EARLIER THAT EVEN PLO ACCEPTANCE OF 242
WITHOUT RESERVATIONS WOULD NOT BRING ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE
WITH IT.

-- RESULTS OF TALKS SEEMED AMBIGUOUS. DESPITE BEGIN'S
STRONG STATEMENTS ON PLO, HE PRAISED US INITIATIVE AND
SPOKE CRYPTICALLY OF A "GREAT ACHIEVEMENT" WHICH VANCE
HAD EXPRESSLY ASKED HIM NOT TO REVEAL.

-- DURING BEGIN TOAST, VANCE SAT EXPRESSIONLESS AND
ALMOST MOTIONLESS. HE THEN READ HIS PREPARED TEXT AT
"ALMOST TWICE HIS NORMAL READING SPEED," AND THEN LED US
DELEGATION OUT OF THE ROOM AS SOON AS PROTOCOL ALLOWED.

-- ONE US OFFICIAL SAID BEGIN HAD SAID SAME THING IN
PRIVATE THAT HE SAID IN TOAST.

-- BEGIN LATER TOLD REPORTERS THERE WAS "NO WAY WHATSOEVER"
ISRAEL WOULD EVER MEET WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF
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PLO UNDER ANY GUISE.

-- CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLAN TO PERSUADE ISRAEL TO
ACCEPT HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIANS SEEMS OUT OF THE QUES-
TION.

-- VANCE PROMISE LAST FEB NOT TO DEAL WITH PLO UNLESS IT
REVISED ITS CHARTER HAS BEEN "FIRST IGNORED IN WASHING-
TON, THEN QUIETLY FORGOTTEN."

BALT SUN -- HANK TREWHITT FROM JERUSALEM (P-1)

LEAD: "ISRAEL HALD FIRM YESTERDAY AGAINST EVERY KEY
AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR COMPROMISE ON VITAL ISSUES IN ORDER

TO ACHIEVE PEACE WITH SURROUNDING ARAB COUNTRIES."

OTHER POINTS:

-- STERN RECEPTION WAS EXPECTED. POINT BY POINT, DAYAN CHALLENGED KNOWN AMERICAN IDEAS, DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES BY VANCE US WOULD GIVE ISRAEL WHAT IT NEEDS TO MAINTAIN ITS MILITARY POWER.

-- DAYAN SAID ISRAEL WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH PLO, WOULD RESIST WITHDRAWING FROM WEST BANK, OPPOSE CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE, AND SEEK FULL COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH ARABS AS PART OF FINAL PEACE.

-- ON LATTER POINT, ARABS SAY PEACE MEANS LESS THAN FULL EXCHANGES, AND US AGREES WITH THEM. US ALSO FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME SORT OF PALESTINIAN ENTITY.

-- VANCE DID MOST OF TALKING IN MEETING WITH DAYAN AND BEGIN. US OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS LITTLE RESPONSE FROM ISRAELIS ON SUBSTANCE. ISRAELIS HAVE SAID THEY WOULD NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATE SUBSTANCE EXCEPT WITH ARABS.

-- BOTH SIDES TOOK CARE TO AVOID ACRIMONY, ALTHOUGH BEGIN TOAST COMPARED PLO COVENANT TO "MEIN KAMPF" AND WARNED THAT WORLD FAILED TO TAKE NAZI MANIFESTO SERIOUSLY ENOUGH.

-- BEGIN PRAISED US AND VANCE FOR ATTEMPTING TO BRING FORMAL PEACE TO MIDEAST, SAID ISRAEL WOULD TAKE ANY ROAD TO PEACE WHICH WOULD NOT LEAVE IT VULNERABLE.

-- OBJECTIVE IS RENEWAL OF GENEVA; TALKS TO THAT END WILL CONTINUE IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH. IF PLO ACCEPTS 242, US WILL ADD PLO TO THOSE BILATERAL TALKS.

-- ISRAELI REACTION TO THAT WAS NOT CLEAR; DAYAN SAID HE WOULD MEET VANCE IN NY, BUT HEDGED WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD DO SO IF VANCE WAS ALSO SEEING PLO.

CHITRIB -- JOHN MACLEAN FROM JERUSALEM (P-1)

LEAD: "ISRAELI FONMIN DAYAN EMERGED FROM A MEETING WITH SECSTATE VANCE TUESDAY AND SAID ISRAEL NEVER WILL ACCEPT PLO AT GENEVA CONFERENCE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN HARD-LINE BLAST AT US WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH PLO,

DAYAN SAID HE HOPED US WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE IT. CARTER SAID MONDAY US WOULD BEGIN DIRECT TALKS WITH PLO IF IT ACCEPTED 242 WITH SOME MODIFICATION.

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-- DAYAN DISAGREED POINT-BY-POINT WITH EMERGING US PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT, SAID IF US TRIED TO PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO ACCEPTING PLO AT GENEVA, ISRAELIS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SELVES. SAID ISRAEL DOES NOT ACCEPT IDEA OF PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, INDICATED NO WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP ANY WEST BANK TERRITORY; INSISTED ARABS AGREE TO FULL TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WHEN PEACE IS SIGNED.

-- VANCE FOUND ISRAELIS BADLY SHAKEN BY SHIFT IN US POLICY ON PLO. INCREASINGLY DURING TRIP, HE HAS ADOPTED ARAB VIEW ON DISCUSSING SUBSTANCE BEFORE GENEVA.

-- IN BEIRUT, PLO SET CONDITIONS FOR ATTENDING GENEVA SO STRICT THAT US AND ISRAELI REJECTION SEEM CERTAIN. THEY DEMAND 242 BE REWRITTEN TO INCLUDE PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION, NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND RIGHT OF RETURN.

WSJ -- BOB KEATLEY FROM JERUSALEM

LEAD: "POLICY CLASHES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND US PROVED AS SHARP AS EXPECTED DURING FIRST DAY OF TALKS BETWEEN PM BEGIN AND SECSTATE VANCE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- DIFFERENCES CONCERN BOTH PROCEDURE AND SUBSTANCE. US, ACTING AS DIPLOMATIC BROKER, HAS BEEN MOVING STEADILY CLOSER TO ARAB VIEW.

-- GAP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND US ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE GIVEN EXPLICIT FORM IN BEGIN TOAST, IN WHICH HE COMPARED PLO TO NAZIS AND SAID PLO AIM IS TO DESTROY ISRAEL AND ITS METHOD IS GENOCIDE.

-- STRONG STATEMENT PROMPTED BY US EFFORTS TO BRING PLO INTO PEACEMAKING PROCESS, WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BEGIN. HE DENOUNCED PLO AS TERRORITST GROUP WHOSE PHILOSOPHY IS BASED ON ARABIC "MEIN KAMPF," SAID IT COULD NEVER BE NEGOTIATING PARTNER FOR ISRAEL.

-- US BELIEVES ARAB PALESTINIANS MUST BE INVOLVED IN

TALKS, PROVIDED PLO AGREES SOMEHOW TO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AS A STATE.

-- PLO ISSUE TIED TO QUESTION OF WITHDRAWAL; US WANTS ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM MOST OF WEST BANK AND ALLOW CREATION OF PALESTINIAN ENTITY THERE. BEGIN SEES ONLY DANGER IN THAT IDEA; HE FEARS WEST BANK WOULD BECOME RADICAL STAGING GROUND FOR RAIDS INTO ISRAEL.

-- VANCE ASKED ISRAEL TO LOOK FORWARD RATHER THAN BACK, AND THE DIFFERENCE IN US AND ISRAELI VIEWS SHOWS DIFFERENCE IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. ISRAEL IS PREOCCUPIED WITH PAST, US SEES EVEN MORE TROUBLED FUTURE IF SETTLEMENT NOT CONCLUDED.

-- VANCE MISSION IS MOST INTENSIVE EFFORT US HAS EVER MADE TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF MIDEAST. TASK HAS GROWN HARDER SINCE BEGIN ELECTION; NEVERTHELESS, VANCE IS TRYING TO CONVINCE ISRAELI LEADERS TO SEEK PEACE EVEN IF TERMS AVAILABLE AREN'T TO THEIR LIKING.

CSM -- DAN SOUTHERLAND FROM JERUSALEM (P-1)

LEAD: "PRES CARTER'S STATEMENTS CONCERNING POSSIBLE RECOGNITION OF PLO INJECTED ELEMENTS OF BOTH DRAMA AND CONFUSION INTO SECSTATE VANCE'S OPENING TALKS WITH ISRAELIS."

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OTHER POINTS:

-- STATEMENTS BY PRES AND SEC OVER PAST 2 DAYS HAVE HEIGHTENED LIKELIHOOD OF TOUGH BARGAINING OR CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAELIS.

-- CONFUSION COMES FROM APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN STATEMENTS BY PRES CARTER AND VANCE. CARTER SAID IF PLO ACCEPTED 242 AND 338, IT WOULD OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIALOGUE WITH US AND POSSIBLE PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN LATER REVEALED US HAD DROPPED INSISTENCE ON CHANGE IN PLO CHARTER. VANCE SAID ACCEPTANCE OF 242 WOULD AMOUNT TO CHANGING CHARTER. HE ADDED CONFUSION BY SOUNDING LESS CERTAIN THAN DID PRES ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PLO ACCEPTANCE OF 242.

-- STATEMENTS THREW ISRAEL INTO TIZZY; REPORTERS FOUND THEM MAIN SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION IN JERUSALEM. US HAS CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF EAGERNESS TO ENTER DIRECT TALKS WITH PLO.

-- AT PRESS CONFERENCE, DAYAN REAFFIRMED ISRAELI POSITION

AGAINST PLO PARTICIPATION AT PEACE TALKS AND AGAINST

WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 BORDERS. HE SAID ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL IF ITS SECURITY NEEDS WERE SATISFIED.

-- US-ISRAELI AGREEMENT OF 1975 GIVES ISRAEL VETO OVER PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA.

-- WHATEVER OUTCOME OF US-PLO EXCHANGE OF SIGNALS, ISRAELIS HAVE REASON TO FEAR THAT US FOCUS ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS CONFERRING LEGITIMACY ON PLO.

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, CBS
BERNARD KALB AND HUGHES RUDD ON CBS MORNING NEWS.

RUDD: SECSTATE VANCE HAS FINISHED FIRST DAY OF TALKS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS, AND AS EXPECTED, RAN INTO STONE WALL. WE HAVE REPORT FROM BERNARD KALB IN JERUSALEM ON WHAT HAPPENS TODAY.

KALB: SECRETARY VANCE AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WERE BACK AT NEGOTIATING TABLE THIS MORNING, BOTH SIDES CLEARLY TRYING TO AVOID U.S.-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION. INGREDIENTS ARE THERE FOR JUST SUCH A SHOWDOWN. ISRAELIS FURIOUS

ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S OVERTURES TOWARD PLO; AMERICANS DRIVING FOR ISRAELI FLEXIBILITY.

BUT WHILE U.S. AND ISRAELI DO NOT SEE EYE TO EYE ON VARIETY OF ISSUES, THEY ARE BOTH TRYING KEEP THEIR DISAGREEMENTS WITHIN MANAGEABLE BOUNDS, - INDEED, BOTH TRYING TO ACCENT POSITIVE.

AT DINNER AT ISRAELI PARLIAMENT LAST NIGHT, BEGIN APPLAUDED U.S. HE ALSO HAD SHARP DENUNCIATION OF PLO WHICH IS COMMITTED TO DISMANTLING OF JEWISH STATE.

BEGIN: WE WANT PEACE. WE WANT TO NEGOTIATE PEACE (UNINTELL.)...PROPOSALS. WE HAVE LOOKED, WE SHALL LOOK FOR ANY AVENUE TO BRING ABOUT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE PEACE TREATIES. BUT THAT ORGANIZATION, PHILOSOPHY OF WHICH IS BASED ON ARABIC "MEIN KAMPF" IS NO PARTNER WHATSOEVER AND NEVER WILL BE PARTNER FOR US TO HOLD ANY TALKS.

KALB (CONTD.): WHEN VANCE LEFT FOR MIDDLE EAST ELEVEN
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DAYS AGO, QUESTION BEING ASKED WAS, WOULD HIS MISSION BE SUCCESSFUL GIVEN DEPTHS OF ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITY? OR, WOULD VANCE MISSION PROVE BE MISSION IMPOSSIBLE? TODAY TALKS WILL BE CRITICAL ELEMENT IN PROVIDING ANSWER. (JERUSALEM).

2. NBC

RICHARD VALERIANI AND FLOYD KALBER ON "TODAY".

FLOYD KALBER: CYRUS VANCE, SECSTATE, GOES INTO SECOND ROUND TALKS TODAY WITH ISRAELI LEADERS WHO HAVE TAKEN EXTREMELY HARDLINE POSITION ON LATEST U.S. ATTEMPTS TO ARRANGE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. YESTERDAY, AND AGAIN LAST NIGHT, PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN FLATLY REFUSED ATTEMPTS TO

ALLOW PLO JOIN IN ANY PEACE TALKS. HERE'S STORY FROM

RICHARD VALERIANI IN JERUSALEM.

VALERIANI: THIS WAS BEGIN'S FIRST STATE BANQUET AS PRIME MINISTER, AND HE USED OCCASSION TO REAFFIRM ISRAEL'S VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO DEALING WITH PLO, WHICH HE COMPARED TO HITLER'S NAZIS.

BEGIN: ...PHILOSOPHY OF WHICH IS BASED ON ARABIC "MEIN KAMPF" IS NO PARTNER WHATSOEVER AND NEVER WILL BE PARTNER FOR US TO HOLD ANY TALKS BECAUSE SUCH IS PHILOSOPHY, SUCH DESIGN AND SUCH METHOD.

VALERIANI (CONTD): IN HIS TOAST, VANCE ACKNOWLEDGED U.S. MAY BE PRODDING ISRAEL TOWARD NEGOTIATION A LITTLE FASTER THEN ISRAEL WANTS TO GO.

VANCE: IF, SOMETIMES WE SEEM BE FOLLOWING MORE ACTIVE APPROACH THAN YOU WOULD PREFER, IS ONLY OUT OF DEEP CONVICTION BASED ON LONG EXPERIENCE IN TRYING UNDERSTAND BOTH SIDES OF CONFLICT THAT, UNLESS U.S. PLAYS SUCH ROLE, NO PROGRESS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

VALERIANI (CONTD): VANCE AND BEGIN RESUME THEIR TALKS THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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MORNING AFTER DEVOTING MUCH OF YESTERDAY'S DISCUSSIONS TO REVIEW OF AMERICAN COMMITMENTS NOT D-AL DIRECTLY WITH PLO, AND NOT CHANGE WORDING OF U.N. RESOLUTION 242 WHICH PROVIDES BASIC FRAMEWORK FOR ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DOES NOT MENTION PALESTINIANS BY NAME. (IN ISRAEL)

2. ABC

BILL SEAMANS AND STEVE BELL ON "GOOD MORNING AMERICA".

BELL: SECSTATE VANCE AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN ARE CONTIN-

UING TALKS IN JERUSALEM THIS MORNING, BUT ROLE OF PLO HAS CREATED MAJOR DISAGREEMENT THAT CLOUDED BANQUET LAST NIGHT IN JERUSALEM. ABC'S BILL SEAMANS HAS MORE.

SEAMANS: THEY WENT INTO SECOND SESSION THIS MORNING AFTER ISRAELIS HAD AGAIN MADE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THEIR DETERMINATION NOT NEGOTIATE WITH PLO IN ANY FORM HAD NOT CHANGED. LAST NIGHT, IN IMPOSING CHAGALL TAPESTRY ROOM OF ISRAELI PARLIAMENT, PRIME MINISTER BEGIN DEPARTED FROM TRADITION THAT DIPLOMATIC DINNERS ARE NEUTRAL SOCIAL GROUNDS WHEN HE REJECTED SUGGESTION THAT PLO COULD ATTEND GENEVA TALKS IF IT ACCEPTS U.N. RESOLUTION 242.

BEGIN: ... PHILOSOPHY OF WHICH IS BASED ON AN ARABIC "MEIN KAMPF" IS NO PARTNER WHATSOEVER AND NEVER WILL BE PARTNER FOR US TO HOLD ANY TALKS BECAUSE SUCH IS PHILOSOPHY, SUCH DESIGN, AND SUCH METHOD.

SEAMANS (CONTD): BEGIN HARDLINE POSITION AGAINST GIVING UP WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP ALSO WAS REEMPHASIZED. IN HIS

RESPONSE, MR. VANCE INDICATED ISRAEL MIGHT HAVE FACE RISKS OF CHANGE.

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VANCE: KNOWN RISKS SEEM AT TIMES PREFERABLE TO RISKS OF COURSE WHICH CAN BRING GREATER REWARDS, BUT WHICH ALSO LEADS DOWN PATHS THAT ARE UNFAMILIAR. AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF CONFLICT, NOT EASY TO ENVISAGE PEACE, AND CAN BE EVEN HARDER BELIEVE IN IT.

SEAMANS (CONTD): AND SO, KEY QUESTION OF PLO AND WEST BANK ARE STILL ON SQUARE ONE. JUST HOW FIRMLY MAY BE CLARIFIED LATER TODAY WHEN MR. VANCE AND MR. BEGIN HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE. (JERUSALEM).

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